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Nolting Deptores Diem's Overthrow

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(AP).—Frederick Nolting, jr., former United States Ambassador to South Viet Nam, says a turn for the worse in the war against the Communist Viet Cong can be attributed largely to the everthrow of Fresident Ngo Dinh Diem's regime last fall

fall.

"Certain actions of the United States Government aided the overthrow" of Dier. "and I personally think it was a great mistake," he said yesterday in a speech to the Junior League. He did not specify these actions. Mr. Nolting now is the State Department's representative on a presidential board assessing the efficiency of United States intelligence.